



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Clem.

Present: Derek, Phil, Gail, Dennis, John A., Clem, Lori,

Secretary report - Motion by Dennis (2nd Gail) to accept September Minutes – passed unanimously, to be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis – September income \$51.90 from fish feeder, no expenses. Total Balance \$1907 – General fund \$1161 and Donation fund \$745. \$500 of Donation fund has been allocated to support the Grant. Fish feeder has generated \$210.21 this year (May-Oct). A 2015 Budget will be prepared.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. (absent) - Citizen Science

- Kokanee spawn begins in November. Please contact: John Rankin at Clark Fork hatchery – 266-1431 if you have interest in helping.
- Clark Fork River Delta Volunteers can sign up on the website and/or contact Derek Antonelli for updates on activities including seed and willow collection. <http://clarkforkdelta.org/about/> or contact Derek or Kate. antonelli8@frontier.com kate.walker@idfg.idaho.gov
- Check the calendar and website for activities www.idahomasternaturalist.org

Lynette (absent) – Public Outreach

Communication Committee – Lori acting

- Please send submissions for next newsletter – a captioned picture, a short article, poem, recipe, etc., see current newsletter at <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/2014%20Issues/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
- Calendar and Announcements on our website are updated regularly - <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>

Training Committee – John A. Acting (absent)

- For continuing education hours please use community resources – attend the Native Plant meetings, join in a hike or field trip with the ICL, Bay Trail, or Ice Age Flood Institute, etc.

WDC Grounds – Gail

- Final fall chores will include putting down some grass seed and some cardboard in places.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby (absent)

- Clem will contact IFWF about the WDC brochure.

Issues:

- Bylaws Change vote passed with 29 “Yes” votes. The changes to the language are adopted and allows any Committee Chair appointed to be a voting member of the Board. The By-Laws will be updated to reflect this change. Thank you all for responding to the e-mail vote.
- It has been suggested that letters be sent to Karen Lamb and Valle Novak to thank them and release them from their respective Board positions (Training Chair – Karen; Communications Chair – Valle). The Secretary is charged with preparing and sending these letters. Should we also send letter to David Yeats (groundskeeper)?
- The Volunteer Committee currently has one Chairperson but is divided into Citizen Science and Public Outreach. Should it instead be split into 2 separate Committees – Citizen Science Volunteer and Conservation Education Volunteer? Matter was discussed by those present.
- **Motion** made (John / 2nd Gail) **to create 2 new Committees:** Waterlife Discovery Center Development Committee and Conservation Education Volunteer Committee (formerly a Public Outreach subcommittee under the Volunteer Committee). Each will be appointed a Chairperson (welcome Cheryl and Lynette) who will serve as a voting member of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- Native Plant Society will be hosting Jack Nisbet (topic: David Douglas) in February and 2 members of the Kootenai Native Plant Society (topic: Camas restoration) in March. Should we help co-host these programs? KNPS is asking for minimal cost sharing – Jack will charge \$400 + mileage, the Canadians just mileage – and the Chapter would be included in the advertising for these programs. The Chapter will consider a contribution of \$75 towards these two programs.
- **Motion** (Lori / 2nd Dennis) **to create a “Speakers Fund” of \$150** to be used by the Chapter for Public Outreach and help sponsor community/public events, passed unanimously.
- Pete is the contact for the WDC calendar through the end of the year. To schedule the building or the grounds, please send an e-mail pete.gardner@idfg.idaho.gov in subject line “WDC Calendar Request”.
- Next Meeting – November 18th, Tuesday 9:00am (skipping the 11th, it is Veterans Day). December, no meeting. January 17th, Saturday will be our Annual Meeting with elections and a Pot Luck lunch – tentative other dates can be suggested.
- New Officers will be elected for 2015 – we need Nominations. Secretary and Vice-President are open for nominations. Incumbents will attempt to find and recommend nominees. Elections in January.

Next meeting – Tuesday November 18th, 9:00am at WDC

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary